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SUBJECT: NEW DUTCH GOVERNMENT : QUEEN BEGINS CONSULTATIONS ON
APPOINTMENT NEW FORMATEUR

REF: THE HAGUE 1594

1. SUMMARY: QUEEN JULIANA BEGAN CONSULTATIONS ON APPOINTMENT
NEW FORMATEUR EVENING APR 5. AFTER SESSION WITH QUEEN APR 6
LABOR LEADER DEN UYL SAID THERE ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES:
(A) CABINET OF KIND BURGER ENVISAGED AND (B) RESTORED FOUR OR
FIVE PARTY COALITION. KVP LEADER ANDRIESSEN RECOMMENDED QUEEN
APPOINT ONE OR PERHAPS TWO CONFESSONAL FORMATEUR' S WHO WOULD
WORK FOR CONFESSONAL/ LEFT WING CABINET OR IF THIS PROVED
IMPOSSIBLE, FOR OTHER COALTION. EX- FORMATUER BURGER TOLD PRESS
CONFERENCE APR 6 HIS DOUBT ABOUT KVP' S POLITICAL WILL TO GIVE
DEN UYL EVEN CHANGE MOTIVATED HIM TO RETURN MANDATE. POLTICIAL
LEADERS ARE BUSY WITH MUTUAL RECEIMINATIONS ON WHO AT FAULT
IN FAILURE BURGER EFFORT. KVP CONTINUES HOLD KEY TO SUCCESS OR
FAILURE OF FORMATION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SHORT STATEMENT TO PRESS AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH
QUEEN APR 6, LLABOR LEADER DEN UYL SAID THERE ARE ONLY TWO
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POSSIBILITIES: (A) CABINET OF TYPE BURGER ENVISAGED, AND (B)
FOUR OR FIVE PARTY CENTER- RIGHT COALITION. KVP LEADER ANDR -

IESSEN SAID HE ADVISED THE QUEEN TO APPOINT ONE OR PERHAPS TWO CONFESSONAL FORMATEURS WHO WHOULD HAVE SAME MANDATE AS BURGER, I. E. " SUFFICIENT SUPPORT OF THE SECOND CHAMBER", AND ATTEMPT TO FORM CONFESSONAL/ LEFT WING GOVT, OR IF THIS FAILED SOME OTHER COALITION COMBINATION. BOTH LEADERS DECLINED TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAILS ON ADVICE OFFERED QUEEN PENDING COMPLETION OF HER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR LEADERS.

3. QUEEN JULIANA RECEIVED ACTING VP OF COUNCIL OF STATE (DE BLOCK) AND PRESIDENTS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CHAMBERS (DE NIET AND VONDELING) AT SOESTKIJK LAST NIGHT. SHE MEETS WITH LIBERAL' S WIEGEL, ARP' S AANTJES AND SEVERAL OTHER FLOOR LEADERS TOMORROW AND WILL COMPLETE CONSULTATIONS APR 9. CEAUSESCU VISIT BEGINS APR 10; THUS HM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR POLTICIAL CONSULTATIONS LATER NEXT WEEK. IF MORE TIME NOT TO BE LOST, NEW FORMATEUR SHOULD BE NAMED APRIL 9.

3. IN SESSION WITH PRESS AFTER RETURNING MANDATE APR 5, FORM-ATEUR BURGER SAID DECISIVE FACTOR IN HIS DECISION HAD BEEN DOUBTS ABOUT KVP' S POLTICIAL WILL TO TREAT DEN UYL GOVT IN BUSINESSLIKE WAY. BURGER SAID HE COULD NOT SQUARE KVP REFUSAL TO PROVIDE MINISTERS WITH PROMISE TO TREAT DEN UYL CABINET ON ITS MERITS. THUS SUCH CABINET COULD NOT RECKON ON THE " SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN SECOND CHAMBER" SPECIFIED IN HIS MANDATE. LABOR' S DEN UYL ALSO EMPHASIZED KVP' S REFUSAL TO PROVIDE MINISTERS. DEN UYL CLAIMED BURGER HAD " ONE FOOT ACROSS FINISH LINE" BUT KVP HELD HIM BACK. DEN UYL REPEATED HIS BELIEF NATION WANTED LEFT WING CABINET AND WARNED SOMEWHAT OMINOUSLY THAT THOSE WHO PREVENTED THIS CABINET FROM GOVERNING MUST FACE THE CONSEQUENCES. KVP FLOOR LEADER ANDRIESEN, WHO REJECTED CRITICISMS OUT OF HAND, SAID DEN UYL HAD STREADFASTLY REFUSED TO MAKE ANY PROGRAMMATIC CONSESSIONS. THEREFORE KVP FELT NO COMPULSION TO PROVIDE DEN UYL CONFESSONAL MINISTERS AS CABINET WINDOW DRESSING.

4. KVP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP SECRETARY (PENDERS) GAVE EMBOFF RUNDOWN ON PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND PARTY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS WHICH RAN MOST OF APR 5. HE SAID PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HAD DISCUSSED SEVERAL OPTIONS: (A) RECOMMEND DEN UYL BE APPOINTED FORMATEUR WITH MANDATE " FORM A GOVT ," (B) RECOMMENDING BURGER MANDATE BE WIDENED, (C) RECOMMENDING APPOINTMENT OF A CHRISTIAN DEOMCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMATEUR TO FORM A GOVT WITH A CORE OF CONFSSIONALS BUT INCLUDING PROMINENT FIGURES ON THE LEFT, (D) RECOMMENDING A " NON-POLITICAL" FORMATEUR OR AS ANDRIESEN TERMED HIM, SOMEONE " FAR FROM THE BINNENHOF" WHO COULD FORM A GENUINE EXTRA- PARLIAMENTARY GOVT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LIBERALS AND DS 70. PENDERS SAID ANDRIESEN RECOMMENDED STRONLY AGAINST GIVING DEN UYL FIRST CRACK AT FORMATION OR REAPPOINTMENT BURGER SINCE RECOMMENDATION WOULD TIE ANDRIESEN' S HANDS IN TERMS OF WINNING PROGRAMMATIC

CONCESSIONS FROM THE LEFT. AFTER " CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION," PARLIAMENTARY GROUP DECIDED ON COURSE (C) WHICH IS EQUIVALENT OF INFORMATEUR RUPPERT' S EARLIER " WHITE CABINET WITH A BROKEN RED LINE." FEW KVPERS FEEL IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ATTRACT INDEPENDENT LEFT WING FIGURES OF FIRST RANK SUCH AS SAMKALDEN (AMSTERDAM MAYOR) OR KLOOS (PRESENT OF VARA, FORMER NVV PRESIDENT). PENDERS SAID VARIETY OF NAMES WERE SUGGESTED AS LEFT WING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FORMATEUR. MOST PROMINENT WAS THAT OF MARGA KLOMPE, MINISTER OF STATE (FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE) WHOM ANDRIESSEN WAS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH PRIOR TO HIS 11:30 A. M. CALL ON HM. OTHER LEFT WING KVP POSSIBILITIES WERE JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT PERHAPS ASSISTED BY ARP SENATOR ALBEDA. ARP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN RECOMMENDING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FORMATEUR. OTHER ARP FORMATEUR CANDIDATES ARE MINISTER BOERSMA AND PROFESSOR GOUDZWAARD. ALSO MENTIONED WERE PERENNIALS SUCH AS KVP' S PROFESSOR STEENKAMP AND SER CHAIRMAN DE POUS. EMBOFF ASKED PENDERS WHETHER ANDRIESSEN HIMSELF MIGHT TAKE ON FORMATEUR' S POSITION. KVP SECRETARY SAID THIS WAS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY.

5. COMMENT: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISPELL SENSE OF DEJA VU WHICH SURROUNDS QUEEN' S CONSULTATIONS. WE ARE WITNESSING RERUN OF EVENTS OF LAST DECEMBER 1. ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN PICTURE IS PRESSURE POLITICIANS FEEL TO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER QUICKLY. THEY ARE UNANIMOUS IN SENSING THAT CURRENT IMPASSE HAS MADE NETHERLANDS " RIDICULOUS." DESPITE THIS PRESSURE STILL DIFFICULT TO ENVISAGE SWIFT RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE. ANDRIESSEN' S AND DEN UYL' S HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS HAVE NOT INCREASED EITHER' S RESPECT FOR THE OTHER. ON THE CONTRARY, ANDRIESSEN HAS BEEN REPULSED BY DEN UYL' S INFLEXIBILITY AND DEN UYL HAS HAD HIS IMPRESSION OF CATHOLIC UNTRUSTWORTHINESS REINFORCED. THIS OF COURSE IS FINE WITH RIGHT WING CONFessionALS AND LIBERALS WHO SEE IN FORMATION' S NEW PHASE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR RENEWEL THEIR LEASE ON GOVT AND POWER. END COMMENT.

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